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Applicant : Harold R. Blomquist
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For : GAS GENERATING MATERIAL
FOR VEHICLE OCCUPANT
PROTECTION DEVICE
Group Art Unit : 3641
Examiner : E. Miller
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PETITION TO EXTEND PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicant hereby requests a one (1) month extension of the period for response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2001. The response date set in the Office Action was August 9, 2001. A response is being filed herewith today, August 16, 2001 which is within the first month after the response date. A check is enclosed in the amount of \$110.00, which is the fee required for a one month extension.

Accordingly, applicant hereby requests that the period for response be extended by one (1) month so that the response filed herewith will be considered timely filed.